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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CHEN ET AL.

Examiner

Khawar Iqbal

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable by Iwami (6470076).

3. Regarding claims 1,8 Iwami teaches a voice broadcasting method on cellular phone's buttons, which comprises the steps of (abstract, figs. 1-10):

starting a message start unit while one of the cellular phone's buttons is pressed so as to acquire a relative signal of the pressed button (col.1, lines 50-67, col. 2, lines 40-55),

taking a corresponding voice data from a voice database according to the relative signal of the button (col. 1, lines 50-67, col. 2, lines 55-67);

decompressing the voice data into an analogic voice message (col. 1, lines 50-67, col. 2, line 55-col. 3, line 29);

amplifying the power of the analogic voice message (col. 1, lines 50-67, col. 3, lines 14-29); and

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broadcasting the analogic voice message, which has been decompressed and whose power has been amplified, by a voice broadcasting unit (col. 1, line 50-col. 32, lines 6, col. 3, lines 30-60).

Regarding claims 2,9 Iwami teaches when users press one of the cellular phone's buttons for dialing phone numbers or setting various functions (col. 1, lines 50-67, col. 2, lines 40-55).

Regarding claims 3,4,12 Iwami teaches wherein the voice database in step (b) is a self-recording voice database which is stored in flash memory (col. 1, lines 50-67, col. 2, lines 55-67, col. 4, lines 35-62).

Regarding claims 5,11 Iwami teaches wherein step (c) utilizes compressed/decompressed circuit to proceed the decompressing action of the voice data (col. 1, lines 50-67, col. 2, line 55-col. 3, line 29).

Regarding claims 6,10 Iwami teaches wherein step (d) utilizes a power amplifying IC to amplify the power of the voice message (col. 1, lines 50-67, col. 3, lines 14-29).

Regarding claim 7 Iwami teaches wherein the voice broadcasting unit in step (e) is selected from the group comprising a built-in speaker, a voice-amplifying system for not holding receiver, a wired listening device, a headset and an earphone (col. 1, line 50-col. 32, lines 6, col. 3, lines 30-60).

Conclusion

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Gum et al (6477390), Meche (6393304), Courtis et al (6377820), and Nakamura (6252495) teach telephone with voice prompted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KHAWAR IQBAL whose telephone number is 703-306-3015.

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